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BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on Thursday 12th October 2023

Chair Cllr. Featherstone, Vice Chair Cllr .Beckford,,
, Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Berridge, Cllr Adair

Clerk Linda Price

1.Apologies for Absences Received

Cllr. Edyvean, Cllr. Barrett, Cllr Cannon, Cllr Webb

2.Declarations of Interest

None

3.Acceptance of Minutes from September Meeting

Previously circulated on email and accepted by all councillors. Duly signed.

4. Public Comments

A couple of members of the public

5. Defibrillators

The councillors welcomed Chris Brown and Dr Ben Lowe to the meeting. Six years ago after village fundraising, forming of a committee, three defibrillators were placed in the village. Training has been provided over the years by EMAS.

Electricity needs to be available to the defibs to run the batteries when the weather hits -5 and below. The cost of this is not great but due to position of two of them it is difficult to provide. The village hall provides it for one, Dr Lowe for the south of the village and due to circumstances at the moment the North has no supply. Which is not a problem unless a -5 temperature occurs as the batteries can degrade. The life span is aprox 7 years .

The committee has asked if the parish council can take over the responsibility of these defibrillators. AGREED by all councillors. There is around £1200 in their bank account which will come into the parish council account to be used only for the defibs.

The clerk is going to put a request in the Bunny Bulletin and Bunny facebook asking for a villager to help with this.

A big thankyou was given to Chris Brown, Dr Ben and all of the committee for the work in setting up the defibrillators and the running of them.

6. County and Borough Report

Cllr. Adair reported that the refuge on the A60 is still happening but awaiting drainage repairs first. The council are also looking at the Church Street parking issues.

7. Matters arising and clerks report

The clerk has had no response from the contractor regarding tree survey after several contacts and is now going to VIA to get a quote from them.

The issue of the boundary wall on the A60 was reported to Rushcliffe and after their first visit an email was received stating that their Bridges and Structural Engineering Officer was going to make a visit and report his findings.

A grant request has been made to East Midlands Airport Community Fund for £1000 for the cost of new ovens at the village hall.

With regard to the building on Fairham Brook Lane, the clerk has received a response stating that actions will be put in place after a detailed enquiry is completed.

The clerk is awaiting papers from the solicitors to completed land registry at the substation on Church Street.

8. Correspondence

The allotment committee has asked for a donation for a bench/seating area (£700) and some bulbs. The parish council AGREED £30 for bulbs purchase and have decided that the funding for the bench will go on to their funding list for them to take a look at once the budgets have been decided for later in the financial year. They also asked for dog waste bins and that request has been forwarded to Rushcliffe.

Members of the public have complained regarding the grass cutting in the village. Cllr.

Stubbs has spoken to the contractor NCC . It has been agreed that the cutting should be done more slowly, and an agreed level of cut arranged. It has been very wet and the number of cuts are to be reviewed. This may result in additional costs. Sensitive areas will be cut by a mower and there will be no cuts at the front of people's homes. It is the homeowners' responsibility.

Rushcliffe Social Prescribing is a way to connect people with health and well being activities. Please see [The Rushcliffe Big Green Book | RushcliffeHealth](#) for details

Nottinghamshire county council draft plan at www.gnplan.org.uk/logistics is available should any one wish to comment on it.

Two emails were received from Ruth Edwards MP re the government community fund and the government flooding plan. See the government website for more details.

A member of public asked the parish council to contact VIA with regards to seats in the bus shelters, report the leaning shelter on Gotham Road, lights are still not working in bus shelter at Victoria Road and the ditch at Keyworth lane end is very dangerous as there is a large drop currently marked by a plastic cone. Council AGREED the clerk will report these items.

Harmless training is available to all. Please see Notts-Training-Brochure on their website.

9. Finance.

The Account payable was circulated along with bank statements. These were AGREED and signed by Cllr Featherstone and Cllr. Beckford. An up to date. Budget was also provided. The school agreed to pay rent up until the end of August as the Village Hall wasn't rented out. A payment was also received from the school to cover July. Finally, it was AGREED that the council purchase a new shredder for the clerks use and to pay Aart de Groot £180 for the removal of three dead trees at the allotments.

10. Approve new Financial Regulations

The clerk shared the new financial regulations however Cllr. Featherstone needed to question a couple of points, so it was agreed to postpone until the next meeting.

11. Village Hall

It was AGREED that then clerk prepare a schedule for a Contractor to price for a Village Hall administrator/Caretaker. This is a self-employed position, and they will not be employed by the council. The schedule will be sent to interested parties to quote for the work.

Three quotes were obtained for new flooring for the village hall. The new floor will be added to the list of projects to be discussed later in the year.

Curtains have also been requested and again this will be taken to a projects meeting.

Window cleaner was requested and AGREED. Cllr Featherstone is to ask the BB trust whom they use and find a price.

12. Report from Bunny Energy Solutions

Bunny Energy Solutions is aiming to provide domestic electricity and home heating (as well as home insulation) from sustainable sources of energy to achieve the Net-Zero target.

To enable us to achieve these goals we are hoping to undertake feasibility studies in the village. We hope to fund this process from grants provided by a Community Energy Fund application. We are taking advice on these matters from Jodi Carter-Davies who is the development and delivery officer of Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, and Ruth Mulvany who is the Principal Rural Energy Project Officer of Midlands Net Zero Hub. Both these officers have advised us that we need to be designated as a sub-committee of Bunny Parish Council and have access to Bunny P.C. bank account.

The meeting confirmed that Bunny Energy Solutions Working Group is a sub-committee of the Parish Council and therefore does have Access to the P.C. bank account to undertake financial transactions as appropriate and approved.

13. Christmas /Parish Supper

Mr Graham Norbery has agreed to run the parish supper at the Rancliffe Arms. It will take place on 5th December with a cost of £26.50 (includes a raffle ticket and £1 donation to charity) The Parish Council are happy to support and AGREED to provide the raffle prize as usual.

14. Community

A big thank you was given to the BIG Group who had cleared and cleaned all around the village hall.

15. Planning Applications

No objections to 23/01509/Full Loughborough Road

16. Highways/ Environment

Bus shelters and Keyworth Lane Discussed earlier.

The council agreed that the clerk put a notice on the website to show members of public where they can direct queries and report problems to.

17. Next agenda items

Flag Policy

Budget turn out for the end of the year.

Financial Regulations.

Website and emails.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th November.

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